

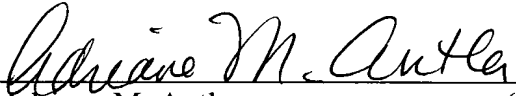
REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 64-72 were pending in the application. In the Office Communication mailed January 5, 2004, the Examiner has required that subscripts in certain equations in the claims be amended such that these subscripts do not appear to contain both italic and non-italic letters. Applicants have amended claims 11, 22, 71 and 72 to comply with the Examiner's requirement.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicants respectfully request that the remarks of the present response be entered and made of record in the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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